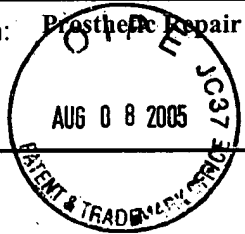


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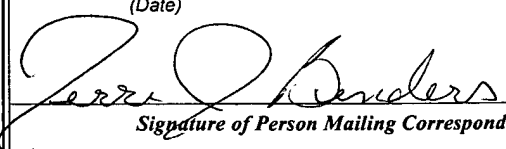
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on May 4, 2005, please consider the following:


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